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INTRODUCTION

IN THE earlier editions of this booklet, nearly all of the examples of the favors received by those who used St. Ignatius holy water, were taken from the remote past or from foreign countries. It may perhaps increase our confidence in the intercession of St. Ignatius to know that not only in the distant past and in far off lands, but even at the present time, in our own country and in our very midst, wonderful instances of the efficacy of this holy water are to be met with. Hence, one object to the later editions was to encourage the confidence of the clients of St. Ignatius, by presenting to them some of the more recent cures effected in our own country, whenever possible. In this edition, an entirely new series of favors is recorded, different from those narrated before. It will be noticed that the cures are so varied, the witnesses from so many places, and the times in which the cures were effected so far apart, that no attempt is made to classify them. Many cures similar to those here recorded are merely referred to or are entirely omitted.

Moreover, it is frequently very difficult to get anything more than the bare facts in the case, as many persons are less interested in the circumstances of their cure, than in the fact itself. Hence, sometimes important details of what was clearly regarded as a great favor, were not carefully transmitted. It would be desirable to give the names and addresses in full, but most of those concerned, though they give their name to us, stipulate that the name be withheld, allowing at most merely the use of their initials.

It is hoped that these few pages may contribute, at least in some degree, to the honor and glory of St. Ignatius of Loyola, and increase devotion to this great Saint. May all those who, in a spirit of faith, make use of this holy water, experience, like so many others, the effects of his powerful intercession. May they receive both temporal and spiritual favors, as a reward of their confidence in the power of St. Ignatius before the throne of God.

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THE ACTS of the canonization of St. Ignatius recognize more than two hundred miracles wrought through his mediation. These marvels have continued without interruption even to our own days. Among the many practices of devotion to which God has deigned to attach what might seem miraculous favors, the most universally known is the use of St. Ignatius Holy Water. Almighty God has visibly approved of this pious practice, by granting the desires of persons who have availed themselves of this means with faith and confidence. The very prayers used, with the approbation of the Church, in the blessing of this water are enough to convince us of its efficacy. For the priest, whilst dipping a relic or medal of the Saint into the water, prays, in the name of the Church, that God may grant to this holy water the virtue of healing both body and soul, and of driving away all evils from our dwellings.



THE NOVENA OF ST. IGNATIUS

Persons wishing to make use of this holy water are exhorted

(1) To make a novena to St. Ignatius, reciting some prayers daily, and drinking a little of the water, morning and evening, or putting some drops on the parts of the body affected.

(2) They should approach the Sacraments during the novena, or at least promise to do so as soon as they obtain the favor they ask.

This, however, must be borne in mind:

(a) That those who have confidence will soon experience the great power of St. Ignatius with God; and the greater this confidence, the sooner they will obtain their request.

(b) If at the end of a novena, the favor is not obtained, let them not lose confidence. Ordinarily, God does not grant His favors at once, but He often delays in order to prevent us from falling into a blind self-sufficiency. Our Lord has said: "Ask and you shall receive;" but He has not said "immediately." Some persons have obtained the cure they sought only after several novenas.

PRAYERS FOR THE NOVENA

The following prayers may be recited during the novena:

Three times the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father, etc., night and morning. (To these may be added other prayers during the day, according to each one's devotion.)

V. Pray for us, O Holy Father, St. Ignatius.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

O God, who, for the increase of the greater glory of Thy Holy Name, hast been pleased by Blessed Ignatius to strengthen the Church militant with new help, grant that, aided by his prayers during our warfare on earth, we may so imitate his virtues, as to be happily crowned

with him in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc. Amen.

Let us Pray.

O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, who, imparting to the bodies of the sick Thy gracious blessing, dost guard Thy creature by Thy manifold tenderness, graciously assist us to invoke Thy Holy Name; that, by the intercession of Thy Confessor, St. Ignatius, Thy servants, freed from sickness and blessed with health, may be raised up by Thy right hand, strengthened by Thy help, guarded by Thy protection, and restored to Thy Holy Church with every blessing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc. Amen.

Let us Pray.

O Thou, who dost vouchsafe Thy blessing to this holy water, that it may be a salutary remedy to the human race, grant by the intercession of Blessed Ignatius, whose relic or medal has been immersed in it, that whoever partakes of it may receive health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE POWERFUL INTERCESSION OF ST. IGNATIUS

IN ORDER that the faithful may be better convinced of its efficacy, we shall relate a few of the many favors received through the use of this holy water.

“Father Fiter,” says the Woodstock Letters (1890), “in his interesting little account written in Spanish, classifies the miracles and favors obtained through the use of St. Ignatius Holy Water, giving a special chapter to each class. The miracles and favors are wonderfully varied. (1) In certain parts of Switzerland, for instance, the holy water is used effectually in imminent danger from fire. (2) In Spain miraculous recoveries of women in labor are recorded without number. (3) In Italy and France it is used as a powerful remedy against violent temptations.”

We could cite a great number of instances, but shall content ourselves with relating but a few of them. These facts, as far as one can judge of heavenly favors, without anticipating the judgment of the Church, seem to us very apt to excite the confidence of the faithful and increase their devotion towards a Saint whose intercession appears so powerful with God, in both temporal and spiritual needs.

SOME FAVORS OBTAINED THROUGH THE USE OF ST. IGNATIUS HOLY WATER IN RECENT YEARS

IT is almost four years since this event took place, and hence the permanence of the cure in question has had ample opportunity to be tested. On Thanksgiving Day, 1908, Mrs. G. G., of St. Louis, had an unusually bad attack of intestinal pains, of which, during the long lapse of ten years, she had had periodic spells, attended by most acute suffering. The remedies prescribed by the family physician would bring only meagre and temporary relief. Hardly anything she now ate could be digested and nearly everything in the line of food was rather a new cause for intensely exciting the malady. With diet so spare, her physical strength was so reduced that she speedily began to waste away. A novena in honor of St. Ignatius was begun, and that same day the holy water blessed in the Saint's honor applied with unbounded confidence. From the time of the novena to the present day, September 23, 1912, the patient has not had a similar attack, but has continued to increase in strength and now enjoys very good health. She shows her thanks to St. Ignatius, by spreading the pious use of the holy water, several persons

having, at her suggestion, obtained through its means both temporal and spiritual relief.

REV. E. C. K. on January 12, 1913, sent the following account which had been brought to his notice a few days before: "The Little Sisters of the Poor, of St. Louis, wish to make known for the greater glory of God and of St. Ignatius, the cure of Sister C. of St. M., who for several weeks had been quite ill with a tumor in the left breast. The Sister hesitated to consult a doctor as she was afraid she would have to undergo an operation. The Mother Superior advised the sick Sister to invoke St. Ignatius, which was done. The patient began a novena in honor of the Saint, and, with great faith and confidence, applied compresses of St. Ignatius water to the part affected. On the fourth day of the novena, December 29, 1912, she was completely cured, all symptoms and all pain having entirely disappeared."

ON July 23, 1913, Mrs. John F. S., of Harmon, Ill., wrote that her sister-in-law, Mrs. Catherine F., had a large tumor on the back of her hand. When the doctor examined it, he said he would have to operate on it and that the hand and wrist would, as a consequence, be very likely left in a crippled condition. She was much dis-

couraged and spoke of it to a friend who advised the use of St. Ignatius holy water. She applied some of the water and began to pray to the Saint. Several times the holy water was used and in a short time the trouble disappeared entirely.

TOWARDS the end of March, 1909, says Rev. V. M. H., I was requested to see one of my former pupils, Th. McC., of Cleveland, O., who from a strange affliction of the eyes had become totally blind. The best doctors had been consulted and no hope was given that the sight would ever be restored. I advised a novena to St. Ignatius and left a relic of the Saint for the young man to wear. I also advised him to drink some of the holy water every day and bathe his eyes with it morning and night, which he continued to do very faithfully. Four weeks later the young man called to see me, both eyes having been perfectly cured. September 1, 1912, I inquired by letter whether the cure had been permanent, and received the following reply from his mother: "We can say with great pleasure that his eyes are perfectly well now, and were cured three years ago, through prayer and the use of St. Ignatius holy water. The doctor said it was a miracle that he recovered his sight."

MRS. F. M., writing from Brooklyn, N. Y., July 28, 1913, says that she had been troubled for two years with a tumor on the face, which refused to heal or to yield to the many medicines used during all that time. She finally made a novena in honor of St. Ignatius and applied the holy water, and her prayer was rewarded by a cure, the only thing remaining of the former tumor being a slight scar.

ON May 9, 1912, Mr. Henry B. of Cincinnati, O., was afflicted with an abscess on his left foot. It was all swollen, the swelling extending to the knee, and was very painful. It had been lanced several times, without any beneficial result. After three weeks of treatment and pain, we had recourse to St. Ignatius, placed the holy water on the wound, and started a novena. The result was wonderful; the first time we removed the bandages, the pus flowed in such a manner that all present were astonished. But it seemed that our faith was to be tested; for a few weeks later, Doctor O. found that the bone was affected, and advised an operation, and perhaps amputation. The least he thought would have to be done, was to have the bone scraped. We at once continued our prayers to St. Ignatius, with still greater fervor, and applied the holy water three or four times a day, with the poul-

tices. Words cannot express our astonishment, when the doctor found, after opening the wound, that the bone was not affected and had not even to be scraped. He considered it most extraordinary, especially as the pus had been there so long, and he said it was a perfect cure, as far as he could see. Ever since, till the present time, April, 1913, Mr. H. B. has had no pain, finds no difficulty in walking and says he feels perfectly well, the same as he did before his affliction.

REV. H. A. H., writing February 10, 1912, says: "One Sunday afternoon, as I was preparing to take a walk, one of my parishioners asked me to call and see a sick child. After inquiries about the ailment, I decided to take my Ritual and the medal of St. Ignatius with me. I found the little boy unconscious and almost burning with fever. It was a case of pneumonia and the doctor said there was nothing more to be done for the little fellow. He had made a brave fight, but was too weak to win out. I blessed some water at once, and started the parents of the child to making the novena, because the little lad was only about two years old and could not make it by himself. The next morning the father of the child called me and said the doctor had taken new hope and was

quite certain the boy would pull through. He did. Today the little fellow attends school regularly.”

ON June 24, 1912, Mrs. Fred. M., a young married woman of Cheviot, O., was afflicted, shortly after confinement, with a very serious abscess in the left breast. It was a pitiable sight, a great mass of putrid flesh, more than double the normal size. After a couple of weeks of very painful suffering, her physician, Doctor G. H. M., a non-Catholic, after consultation, decided on an operation, for July 13th or 14th. Meanwhile, a friend of hers, Mr. C., gave her some St. Ignatius holy water and urged her to make a novena in honor of the Saint for her cure. She drank some of the holy water and rubbed it on the putrifying flesh, while she and all the members of the family prayed fervently to St. Ignatius. About 10 p. m., on the night of July 12th, in an agony of pain and almost in despair, she cried out: “O St. Ignatius, if you wish me to believe you can cure me, there are only two hours till the doctors begin to cut me.” Strange to say, ten minutes later the abscess burst open, she got up free from all former pain, and in an ecstasy of joy ran about the house, telling everyone in the house: “St. Ignatius has cured me.” All pain had ceased. Nearly a year later, en-

quiry was made as to the permanency of the cure. She was then a perfect picture of health, without any pain, and with absolutely no traces of the severe ordeal through which she had passed. Her cure had been thorough and complete.

A PRIEST writing under date of April 9, 1913, gives the following in regard to the effect of St. Ignatius water: Mr. C., of Kansas City, had a lump about the size of a hen's egg which formed under his tongue and along his throat. It gave him so much trouble and pain that he consulted a doctor of large experience, who recommended him to see a specialist. Both of the doctors came to the conclusion that he was suffering from a cancer; and they advised an immediate operation. While he was deliberating about his course of action, a friend, Mrs. M., visited him. "Mr. C.," she asked, "do you believe in the intercession of the Saints and their power to help us?" "Of course I do," he replied. "Then I would recommend you to give up medicines for a little while and use some of the holy water blessed in honor of St. Ignatius." She gave him a booklet containing an account of many cures effected through the intercession of the Saint, and he began at once using the holy water, meanwhile discontinuing all use of physi-

cal remedies. In a few days, in answer to his prayers and those of his family and friends who joined with him in a novena, the lump entirely disappeared and he felt as well as he ever did in his life. A short time after, the doctor enquired how Mr. C. was getting along. "He is perfectly well," said his wife, without indicating what had happened. "I am very glad of that," said the doctor, "for I felt perfectly certain that he had a cancer." Mr. C. has continued well ever since.

IN the beginning of January, 1914, Rev. J. B. N. sent the following account of a favor through the use of St. Ignatius holy water:

John W., six years old, a boy of St. Agnes parish, Cleveland, O., was crippled. The doctors made every effort in their power to cure the boy, but without success. In fact, there seemed to be no hope left that he would ever be cured. In this extremity, his parents had recourse to St. Ignatius. They used the holy water and began a novena. When the novena was finished, in answer to their fervent prayers and unshaken confidence in the intercession of the Saint, the boy was completely cured. This happened over a year ago, and at the present time the little fellow goes regularly to school and enjoys complete health.

MRS. C. T., of Sacramento, Cal., was paralyzed from the waist down, with limbs contracted and distorted. For hours at a time she suffered nervous spasms and remained continuously unconscious. During five weeks she had been under the care of a nurse, and the two doctors in daily attendance expressed but little hope of her recovery. They decided, however, to hold a consultation the next day and determine whether an operation would help the patient. Meanwhile a novena was begun by her friends, as she was in no condition to join them, and some St. Ignatius holy water was given her. The next day, to the great surprise of the doctors and nurse, the affected parts became flexible, the nervousness disappeared; she arose, walked across the room and seemed to be entirely freed from her great affliction.—Communicated, April, 1912, by Rev. V. T., of San Francisco.

THE following favor was kindly granted—as we firmly believe—through the intercession of St. Ignatius, in restoring to health a child, four years old, whose life had been despaired of by her physician. The little girl, Helen D., of West Congress Street, Chicago, in a violent fit of coughing (whooping cough) burst a blood vessel in her brain. She was paralyzed in her entire right side, at the same time losing all

power of speech. For a couple of days, she lay in that condition, growing hourly weaker from the violent whooping cough. The physician finally, after vainly trying all the resources of his art, declared that no human skill could save the child, and that it would be hopeless to try any new prescription. The nurse in charge, Mrs. B. M. P., then had recourse to St. Ignatius, and with some of the holy water blessed in honor of the Saint, bathed the little girl's entire right side, asking God to save the child. After a quiet sleep, the child awoke and to the delight of her nurse, moved her arm, just a little. The coughing was less trying, and the child, within twenty-four hours after the prayers and the use of St. Ignatius water were begun, showed manifest improvement, moving, though with effort, the limbs that had been paralyzed. Gradually, the little one began to speak again. When the doctor was called upon, he supposed that the worst had happened. But he was amazed to find that the child had so improved, and confessed that the cure was due to more than human power. The improvement continued, and the holy water was used freely. Thank God, the child is now able to move as freely as ever, and her speech, though a little hesitant, is growing readier every day. All the members of the fam-

ily are grateful for the favor of St. Ignatius to little Helen D.—Communicated, March 15, 1914, by Rev. J. A. M.

IN February, 1911, Miss A. H., of St. Charles, Mo., had been suffering for a week from a painful swelling on the left side of the nose. It had been lanced twice. It was to be lanced again on Monday, as the inflammation was spreading to the other side. After the 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday, she stopped to see one of the Loretto Sisters. The Sister spoke to her of St. Ignatius holy water, and it was applied before Miss H. went home. She at once began a novena to St. Ignatius, applied the holy water several times in the afternoon, and again at night before retiring. After several applications, the pain had almost entirely ceased, and in the morning every trace of the inflammation had disappeared. There is no sign to indicate that it had existed. This account was carefully examined by a priest in St. Louis, towards the end of October, 1912, and, after questioning the young lady referred to, he says it is reliable and correct.

CATHERINE W., a girl of the Blessed Sacrament parish, Cleveland, O., four years of age, had been suffering very much from leakage of the heart. For six months she did not move, be-

ing under the constant care of the doctor. Her condition during all this time was considered very critical. In their great grief, but still with the liveliest faith, her parents gave the child some St. Ignatius water to drink and made a novena to the Saint. At the end of the novena, the doctor made a thorough examination, declared that the heart was normal and that the child was well. Since that time a year has passed, and the little girl has been in the best of health, without even the slightest recurrence of the trouble.

DURING the summer of 1903, in St. Louis, O'N. K., a boy of seven or eight years of age, had been suffering for some time from epilepsy. He was at the time under the care of Dr. G. But the attacks had been for some time growing more and more frequent, so that the boy was afraid to go to bed, as they were usually more violent about bedtime. After hearing the case, Father H. B. M. gave him a little medal of St. Ignatius and told the mother to give him some St. Ignatius holy water at once, to make a novena and say other prayers in honor of the Saint. She did so, and after the holy water was used, the attacks of epilepsy ceased, and the boy was not taken to the doctor any more. However, a little over a week later, the

supply of holy water became exhausted, and the little fellow earnestly begged his mother to get some more. But as this was not done at once, he complained to his mother that he "could not bless himself with St. Ignatius holy water" as he was accustomed to do, and the next day and during that night he had a very slight attack again. So the next morning the lad took matters into his own hands. He procured a bottle and without saying a word to any one, started off quite early by himself to the Jesuit Church, though the distance was at least a mile and a half. He secured his holy water, which he used very faithfully, meanwhile praying with sincere childish confidence. Since that time, which is now eleven years ago, he has never had a recurrence of the disease, and at present, May 18, 1914, he is a strong, hearty young fellow, and as healthy as any young man of his age. These facts are vouched for, and the long time that has elapsed since the cure only proves its permanence.

A PRIEST who reports the following favor is acquainted with all the circumstances of the case and says that the statements made may all be relied on as thoroughly accurate in every respect. Mrs. S., of St. Francis parish, Cleveland, had a severe and prolonged case of con-

sumption, and was given up by the doctors as incurable. But following the advice of some of her friends, she began the use of St. Ignatius holy water, at the same time making a novena in his honor for her recovery. At the end of the novena, the severe coughing stopped at once and she felt immediate relief. Then her long continued trouble ceased entirely. She is now well and there are now no traces of her previous ailment, thanks to the intercession of St. Ignatius.

REV. J. A. M., April 27, 1914, sent this account of a favor which seems to add one more reason for confidence in the intercession of St. Ignatius. Four physicians pronounced the case of one of the students of Marquette University, a young man of nineteen years, to be a severe case of cerebro-spinal meningitis. They declared that there was not the least hope of his recovery, as the symptoms forbade them to entertain any. On the evening of April 15th, 1914, the attending physician said that the patient would very likely die before morning. He had lain unconscious for over thirty hours, then. The parents had recourse to heaven, for the help that medicine could not give. The young man's forehead and neck were bathed with St. Ignatius holy water, and prayers were offered by the orphans

and by the inmates of the Home for the Aged. During the night, the holy water was repeatedly applied externally, and given to drink. Towards dawn, the patient awoke to consciousness, but he had no memory of what had immediately preceded his spell of insensibility. When the family doctor came he was surprised to find so great a change for the better, when he had looked for a fatal outcome. The symptoms of meningitis were still in evidence, yet the young man grew steadily better, using the holy water of St. Ignatius copiously. Today, just two weeks from the first sign of illness, he is able to move about the house, and, though still weak, there is every reason to believe that the disease has left him. Did the doctors make a wrong diagnosis? Remember, there were four of them absolutely agreed, and all of them said there was no hope of cure. Maybe they did make a mistake, but the young man and his parents and friends are convinced that St. Ignatius intervened, and they gladly testify to their belief, in a spirit of heartfelt gratitude to God and St. Ignatius.

ON Friday, January 19, 1906, a priest writes: "I was taken down with a very severe attack of follicular tonsilitis. As I lay there wishing for some relief and wondering where it would come from, the thought came to me to try

St. Ignatius water. At 6 o'clock on Saturday evening, I could swallow only with the greatest difficulty. I took three swallows of the holy water and said three Our Fathers and three Hail Marys. This I did for nine consecutive hours, and at 3 o'clock the next morning I called for some nourishment. I was cured and set about my duties as usual."

ABOUT March 10, 1912, a young woman came into a store in Kansas City to make a purchase, and showed great distress over the illness of her nephew. The physician gave no hope of the recovery of the boy and advised an operation which he even feared might be fatal. The person to whom the aunt spoke suggested using St. Ignatius water. Miss —— gladly accepted the suggestion, a little of the water was given her, and also the booklet explaining the directions. After the first use of the water, a decided change was noticed by physician and family. After using the second bottle the child was entirely cured. The family feel that through the intercession of St. Ignatius his life was spared.

THE following recital was submitted by Rev. H. B. M. In 1904, Winifred E., a young girl of Milwaukee, was suffering from what Dr.

B. pronounced cancer of the throat. It could be plainly seen and was growing rapidly. A friend said to the girl's mother who was weeping over the discouraging decision of the doctor: "If you were only Catholics, I could give you something which I am sure would cure the child. She then explained to her all about the Ignatius holy water, in the curative powers of which she had great faith. "But I am a Catholic," replied the mother. "Winnie was baptized, though we do not practice our religion, as my husband is not a Catholic; but we will use the holy water and say some prayers." The lady then gave the girls some of the holy water. But as the child (now 15 years old) did not know any prayers at all, she was given a booklet about devotion to St. Ignatius, containing prayers for a novena, etc. The lady told her to read the prayers as devotedly as possible and to have all the family join with her. She tried to do this the best she could. At the end of the novena, the cancer had shrunk to the size of a pin head. The child was then prepared for first Communion, which she received with her youngest sister. They moved away several years ago, but mother and daughters are seen regularly at Mass every Sunday since. The cure of Winnie seems, after the lapse of ten years, to be complete in every way, thanks to the intercession of St. Ignatius.

THIS case came under the special notice of Rev. J. B. N., who vouches for the truth of the statements made. Miss Mary K., a young girl of St. Thomas parish, Cleveland, was painfully afflicted with a very serious case of sore eyes. Unfortunately, the remedies applied by the doctor, instead of relieving her, seemed only to aggravate the trouble still more. As a consequence the young girl became almost entirely blind. Some of her friends spoke to the family of the efficacy of St. Ignatius holy water in similar cases, and advised its immediate use. As a last resource in her sorrow and affliction, and with the utmost confidence, she at once had recourse to the intercession of St. Ignatius, in whom she now placed all her hopes. All the members of her family joined with her in a novena to the saint, and the holy water was used most frequently and confidently. At the end of the novena the girl was completely cured, and ever since she has had good sight, without the slightest recurrence of the former trouble. The young lady and her whole family are loud in their praises of St. Ignatius, whose intercession has brought happiness not only to the sufferer but to all her friends.

THE following details were forwarded from Galle, Island of Ceylon, by Rev. Th. Neut,

S. J., Superior of the Mission, October 12, 1912. Mr. A. E. Daviot, secretary of the Catholic Club, and a very devout Catholic, says: "Four years ago, in December, 1908, I was suffering from an attack of Influenza. I had to attend to my work, as we were short handed, the result being that I caught a very severe cold in my throat. This was close on Christmas. My family had preceded me to Colombo. I followed later, but when I arrived, it was to get into bed, as I had a very high fever. A doctor was called and treated me for more than five days, but finding no change he held a consultation with another doctor who diagnosed the case as enteric fever. With the hope of lowering the temperature, ice was applied to my head, with disastrous results, as I lost my voice, because the application of the ice aggravated the disease of the throat. For another fortnight, I was lying in this state, voiceless. Then two eminent physicians were called into consultation and correctly diagnosed the case, saying it was very serious and that the greatest care should be taken. During this time I applied St. Ignatius holy water and a medal of the Saint, and began a novena. My wife, a recent convert, said the prayers for me and gave me the holy water. It was her duty every morning to take my temperature. The fever remained very stubborn. The last day of

the novena arrived and on the following morning, when she took the temperature as usual, I was very anxious to know its reading. To our surprise it was normal. A few days after this, a specialist examined my throat and said all bad symptoms had passed away and enquired from the doctor what special treatment he had followed. He narrated his story, but I said to myself, it was not you, but good St. Ignatius that cured me. I must not fail to mention that from the day we began the novena, no nourishment went down my throat without the addition of a few drops of holy water.”

FATHER E. S., writing to his Provincial, June 8, 1910, says that many wonderful cures are constantly obtained in Guasila, Italy, through the use of St. Ignatius holy water. The following is one of the many cures reported by him:

Signor P. P. had for some time been troubled with gravel. From the beginning, the physician was consulted but the remedies of science proved useless, and an operation was deemed necessary. In the meantime the disease had reached its crisis and Pietro's sufferings had become so acute as to make him frantic, tossing about on his bed like one possessed. The priest was called. As soon as he saw the condition of the sick man, taking advantage of one of his more quiet mo-

ments, he gave him the Sacraments. At the same time he advised his taking St. Ignatius holy water and praying to the Saint. This the patient willingly consented to do. He was refreshed by a protracted sleep, awakening the following morning perfectly cured through the intercession of St. Ignatius.

REV. D. A., a secular priest of Guasila, Italy sends the following: Signora E. S. was during four months a martyr to most acute pain in one of her feet, which suffering gave her rest neither night nor day. The physician had tried every remedy and exhausted the power of his art, all in vain. But one hope remained, and that was St. Ignatius holy water. With a lively faith, she devoutly took the blessed water from the hands of her son, Reverend Father A., and was immediately relieved by a refreshing sleep which lasted far into the morning of the next day, when she awoke completely cured. Needless to say, that mother and son, mid tears and fervent prayers, thanked and blessed their holy advocate, St. Ignatius.

SISTER S. T., of St. Joseph hospital, Fort Dodge, Ia., was afflicted with an abscess which the doctors said they could do nothing to relieve. Several times a day she said prayers to

St. Ignatius, each time making the sign of the cross with the holy water over the afflicted part. In a few days she was entirely cured.

A MISSIONARY priest says that a lady of Vancouver, Wash., after suffering for more than ten years from what the doctors declared was an incurable case of asthma, was cured through the use of the holy water and prayers to the Saint.

A PRIEST in Canada says that he has met cases:

(1) In which eczema was cured after bathing the face with the holy water and saying some prayers.

(2) In another case, a child subject to nervous attacks, fits and convulsions was cured.

(3) He has found that the sick who use it get rest and peaceful nights.

(4) That it is helpful in accident cases.

(5) That dying persons seem to receive an increase of faith, and that the priest is greatly aided in administering the Sacraments.

(6) There are also many instances on record where women in child-birth have experienced the beneficial effects of this holy water, when used with fervent prayer, and child-like confidence in the intercession of St. Ignatius.

CONCLUSION

WE TRUST that those who read this booklet will have a greater confidence in the wonderful effects of this holy water, and that they will propagate its use amongst the sick and suffering. After hearing the wonders wrought in times past through its use, one might think that this holy water has lost something of its efficacy of former days; but God's power is not lessened, nor is the solicitude of St. Ignatius for the afflicted less loving now than of old. When our times become matter of history, we hope that equally wonderful things will be said and written of this devotion. Let us at least do our part in making it known, and in making St. Ignatius more loved and honored, all to the greater glory of God.



St. Ignatius Holy Water can be obtained from any Jesuit Church or from any Father of the Society of Jesus, free of charge. All applicants, however, should defray express charges or postage and cost of mailing cases, etc., required by the Postal Laws.

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